

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

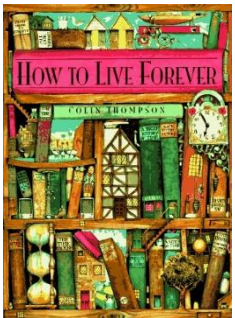
Summer Term 2026

Welcome back to school! I hope you have had a lovely Easter and enjoyed a well-deserved break. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this term, from investigating rocks in science to learning about the fascinating Ancient Egyptians in history.

English

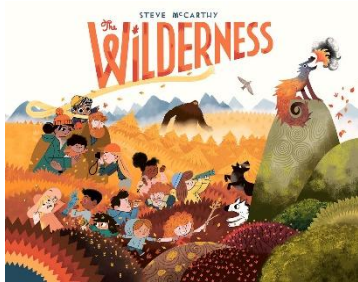
In English this half term, our work will be based around two books. The Small in the City and How to live forever- Colin Thompson.

Our work on Small in the city will lead up to children writing their own story. During the unit, children will have the opportunity to write setting descriptions, letters of advice, and diary entries.



Our Work on how to live forever will lead up to the children writing a prequel to the book. Prior to this children will complete lost posters, character descriptions, letters of warnings and instruction writing.

After half term we shall be studying The Wilderness - Steve McCarthy and Our Tower- Joseph Coelho. Children will write their own guide to surviving the wilderness and their own narrative story.



How to help your child in English

Read with your child at least three times per week. Discuss tricky vocabulary and ask your child questions about the story they are reading. You can also practise the Year 3 spelling words sent home.

Maths

During the Summer term, we will revisit and consolidate our knowledge of new methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will continue to learn to tell the time aiming to tell time to the nearest minute on both digital 12 hour and 24 hour clocks. We will also explore addition and subtraction involving money.

Now that we are becoming more confident with the Year 3 arithmetic skills, we will focus on applying our knowledge to solve tricky reasoning problems. We will continue working on choosing the best method to solve a calculation and on our mental arithmetic strategies.

How to help your child in maths

Help your child to apply their maths skills to the world around them. For example, ask your child to find fractions of food. You could ask them to find a quarter of a pizza or a quarter of a pack of sweets! Look at scales of measurement with your child, for example on a jug. Help them to read the scale and measure a given amount. Take a survey in your local area. This will make maths more relatable, fun and easier to understand.

Encourage your child to play on Times Tables Rock Stars. By the end of the year, children must know the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 times tables. If your child is already confident with these, help them to learn the sixes.



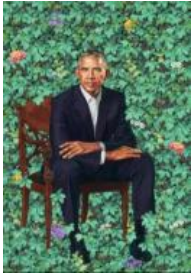
History

In history, we shall be studying the fascinating Ancient Egyptians. Here we shall be learning all about the different beliefs and the cultures, we shall be finding out all about mummification and the different Gods that the Ancient Egyptians believed in.

Computing

In computing, we will continue to learn more about computer science and programming using Purple Mash.

Art & DT



In art, our focus will be on painting. We will look at the artist Kehinde Wiley and will explore mixing tones and tints. We will create different effects with paint to ultimately produce a showstopping background for our final piece.

In DT, we will look at structures, investigating the question: What makes a bridge so strong?

PSHE

In PSHE our units are Being a Risk Taker, Keeping Safe and It's Ok to Tell. We will also discuss the importance of healthy relationships.

RE

In R.E we will reflect on the concept of rules and discuss important questions such as: Which rules should we follow? and Does everyone follow the same rules? We will look at the story of the fall and the relevance of The Ten Commandments today.

Science

During Summer 1, we will put on our palaeontologist pants to explore rocks and fossils. We will look at the different types of rock and how they are formed, which links nicely to our Geography topic on volcanoes.

Throughout Summer 2, we will learn all about plants. We will revisit the structure of a plant and learn the different functions of each part of the plant. We will learn what pollination is and why it is important. We will investigate what conditions plants need in order to grow and live, and will carry out an experiment into how water is transported in plants.



General Notices

- PE for this half term will be on a Monday and a Tuesday.
- Our Go Outdoors themed homework grid is now available on X and class dojo.
- Mrs Pope-Jones will continue to teach the children on a Tuesday and a Wednesday afternoon.
- If you have any questions, or if you would like any further guidance in supporting your child, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us!

Mrs Lowe, Mrs Pope-Jones and Miss Whiteside